GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have extended financial assistance to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for implementing Vocation Education Programme at plus two level in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise

(c) the number of schools covered under the Programme in the State; and

(d) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to ensure success of Programme and proper utilisation of funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) During the last 3 years no grants have been sanctioned. However, earlier Rs. 59.20 crores were sanctioned to the State Government for implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme(CSS)of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education in 668 schools upto 1994-95. Part of this amount is lying unutilised with the State Government.

c) The number of schools in the State where vocational education is being imparted at present are 555.

d) The steps taken by the State for the success of programme include:

i) Restructuring of vocational courses by giving more emphasis on practical training;

ii) Telugu as medium of instruction;

iii) Introduction of 23 new vocational courses which are considered to be useful and are in good demand;

iv) Updation of syllabi, development of curricula for 23 new courses;

v) Increase in number of seats and encouragement to private initiatives.

The Central Government also conducts periodical visits of the officers to the State and meetings with the State representatives to ensure proper monitoring and successful implementation of the Scheme. The CSS funds allocated for vocational education have not been diverted to any other purpose.